Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Burton Baloun and Mary Ann Zens exchanged their wedding vows on September 15, 1953, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Zell, South Dakota, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Burton and Mary Ann gave life and love to four children: Perry, Pat, Pam and Patrice, and are now realizing the joys of having seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and,

Whereas, Burton and Mary Ann have been active in farming in Faulk County all their married life and have been members of the Catholic Church in Seneca, South Dakota, for as many years also; and,

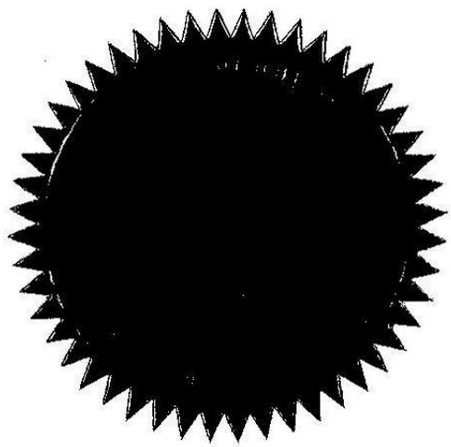
Whereas, Their family will host an open house at their new home on September 13, 2003, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of a devoted couple who have shared life's beauty and sorrow and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of the state South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2003, as

BURTON & MARYANN BALOUN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State